ROGER --
-- TELL ME THAT YOU PUT A CAMERA ON HIM!
OH, YEAH.
LET ME SEE...
JACOB?
HE'S AT THE WHALE DOCKS.
AND HE HAS YOUR GENOCIDE CASE WITH HIM.
ZOOM!

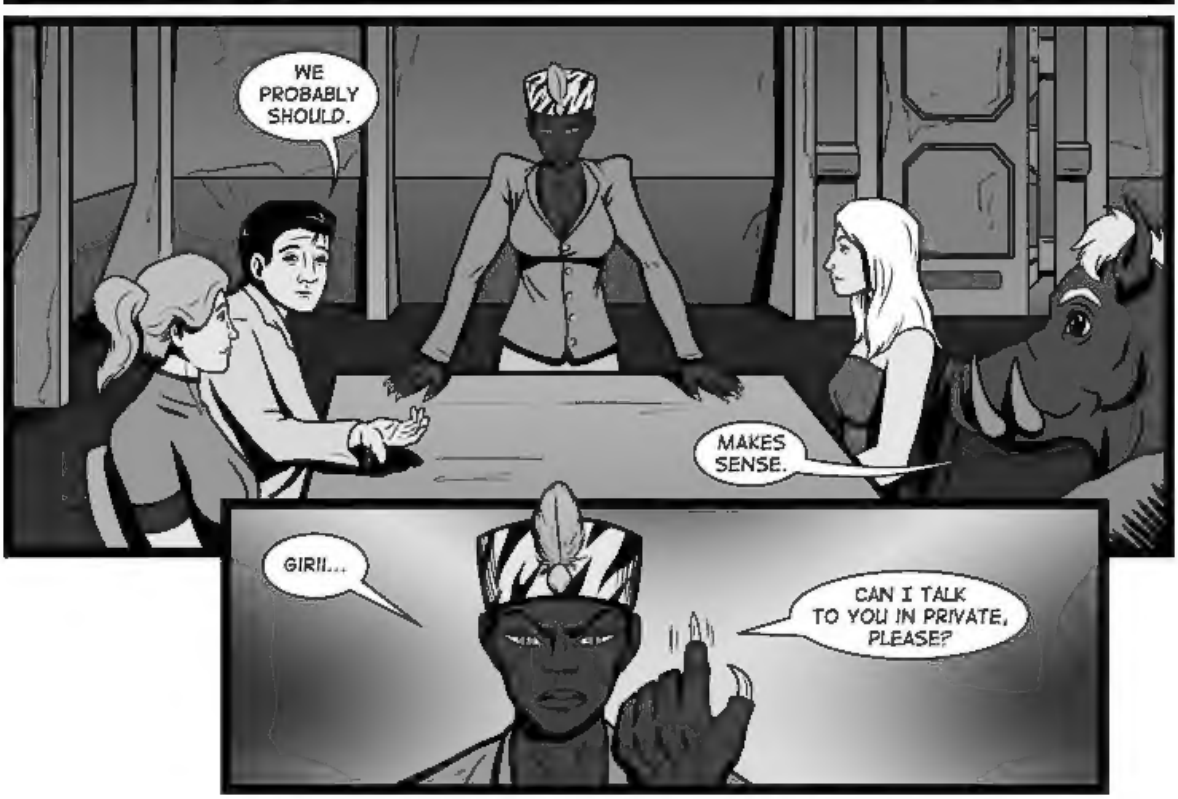
ROGER, GET IN A WHALE. YOU'RE DRIVING.
WHAT?
WHY ME?
BECAUSE YOU CAN TRACK HIM!
JACOB, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THAT'S A STUPID QUESTION.
NOW I HAVE TO KILL HIM.

TWO WHALES HEADED EAST-NORTH-EAST.
FOLLOW?
NO.
I'M HERE TO CHECK OUT THE ISLAND, NOT CHASE EVERY WHALE.
HOW DO WE DO THIS BY THE BOOK?
DAY ONE, RECONNAISSANCE.
DAY TWO, WE LET YOU LOOSE.
DAY THREE, EVERYONE DIES.
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE HALF THAT LONG.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
I THOUGHT HE CONFIDED IN ME, BUT HE NEVER HINTED AT...
HE WAS MY FATHER, MY...
LET'S FOCUS ON PRIORITIES, KENTARO.
CAN YOU WORK THE CHRYSALIS PODS?
YES, OF COURSE...
THE PODS ARE EASY.
I CAN WORK THEM, AND I'M JUST PRE-MED.
ALL RIGHT. FIRST WE SHOULD APPOINT A LEADER.
I'M THE CLEAR CHOICE. ANYONE DISAGREE?
NO? GOOD.
COUGH

NEXT, WE SHOULD PREPARE TO EVACUATE.
WHATEVER FUMIAKI HAS PLANNED, IT WILL DRAW THE GENOCIDE PROJECT TO US.
YES.
MAKES SENSE.

I DUNNO.
MAYBE WE SHOULD WAIT TO HEAR FROM JACOB.


WE PROBABLY SHOULD.
MAKES SENSE.
GIRII...
CAN I TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE, PLEASE?

GIRII, WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
YOUR EMPATHY MAKES EVERYONE AGREE WITH EVERYTHING YOU SAY.
I EVEN FELT YOUR PULL WHILE YOU WERE CONTRADICTING ME.
I'M SORRY.
DON'T BE. I'M ENVIOUS.
AND I HAVE A SOLUTION.
WE MAKE YOU THE LEADER.
ME?
YES.
YOUR COMMAND WILL BE UNQUESTIONED.
THE PERFECT FIGUREHEAD.
AND I WILL BE YOUR TRUSTED ADVISOR, AND YOU WILL DO EXACTLY WHAT I SAY.
IS THAT CLEAR?
GULP
YES!

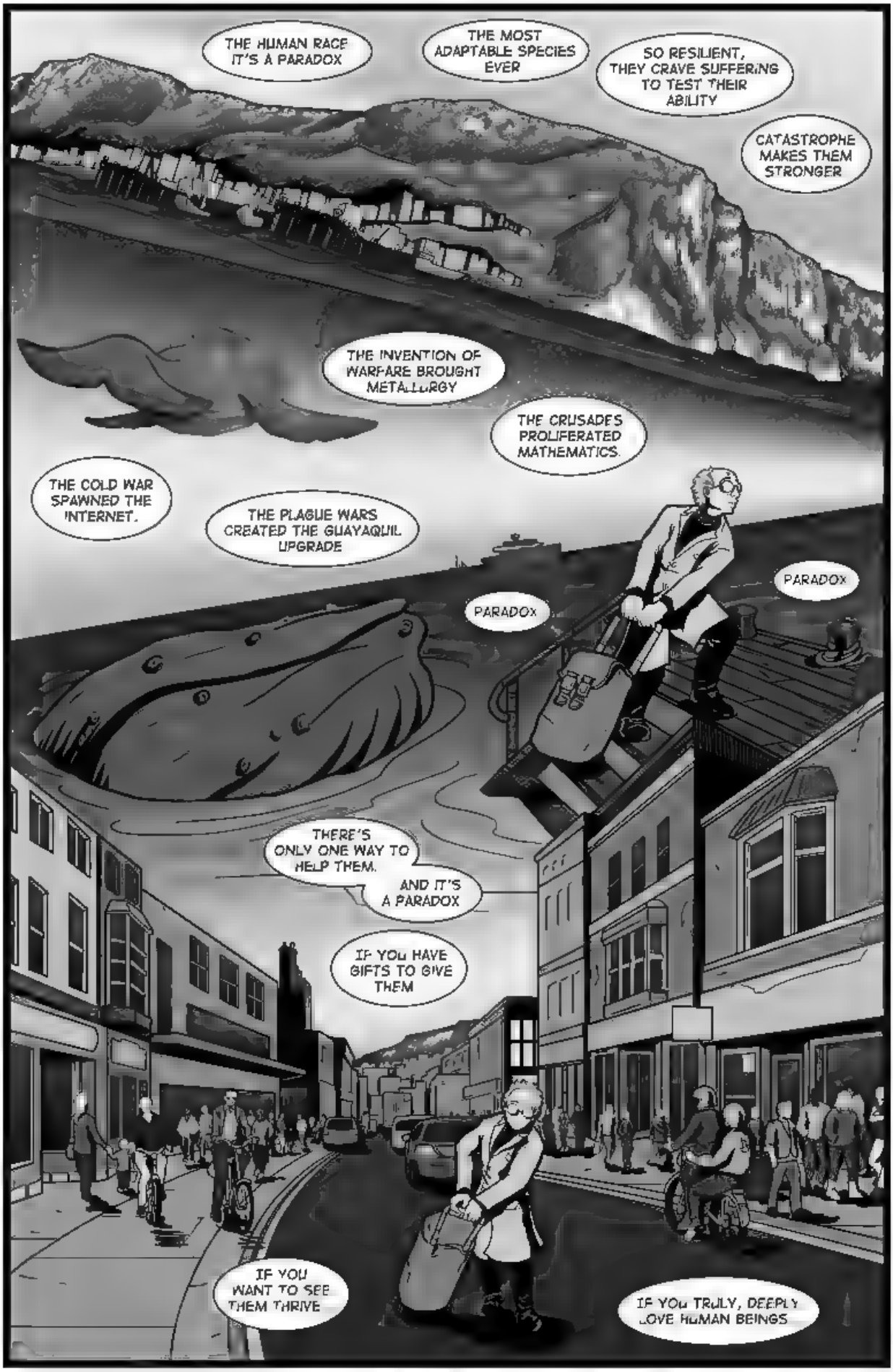
CA-CLICK
WE'VE COME TO AN AGREEMENT. I'M IN CHARGE NOW.
AND I GUESS... WE SHOULD GET READY TO EVACUATE.
ANY QUESTIONS?
UM...
YES?
NEVERMIND. IT'S NOTHING.
I...MIGHT COME TALK TO YOU LATER.
WHAT'S HE THINKING?
HE'S REALLY SCARED.
BEYOND THAT I CAN'T TELL... YET.

GIRI!?
HUH?
KENTARO?
CAN YOU HELP ME WITH SOMETHING? IT'LL JUST TAKE A MOMENT.
YEAH...
...OKAY.

HE USED TO DRILL ME ABOUT RADIATION EXPOSURE.
ALMOST GAVE ME A PHOBIA ABOUT IT.
UM, OKAY.
THING IS, I CAN'T TELL IF IT'S A REAL PHOBIA...
...OR A SUBCONSCIOUS DIRECTIVE.
DON'T PEER TOO LONG INTO THE VOID, THAT SORT OF THING.
WAS HE TRYING TO PROTECT ME, OR WAS HE THE VOID?
KENTARO...
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT THIS IS HARD FOR ME.
PLEASE, STAY BACK.
JUST STAND THERE...

...AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.
I --
IT'S NORMAL.
YOU'RE HUMAN, KENTARO.
OH, THANK GOD.
I DIDN'T KNOW, I COULDN'T...
HEY --
JUST, HUSH...
HUSH, IT'S OKAY.
ALL OUR FATHERS WERE MONSTERS.

FOUR HOURS AHEAD OF US?
HOW IS HE PULLING AWAY?
MAYBE BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE A WHALE?
I'M ROUTING THROUGH THE SONAR NET, NOW CAN'T GET V.DEO
BUT WE WON'T LOSE HIM, DON'T WORRY
HE'S HEADED TOWARD BR.TAIN
THERE'S PLENTY TO WORRY ABOUT
WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S THINKING
PARADOX
IT'S A PARADOX
A PARADOX
PARADOX


THE HUMAN RACE IT'S A PARADOX
THE MOST ADAPTABLE SPECIES EVER
SO RESILIENT, THEY CRAVE SUFFERING TO TEST THEIR ABILITY
CATASTROPHE MAKES THEM STRONGER
THE INVENTION OF WARFARE BROUGHT METALLURGY
THE CRUSADES PROLIFERATED MATHEMATICS.
THE COLD WAR SPAWNED THE INTERNET.
THE PLAGUE WARS CREATED THE GUAYAQUIL UPGRADE
PARADOX
PARADOX
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HELP THEM.
AND IT'S A PARADOX
IF YOU HAVE GIFTS TO GIVE THEM
IF YOU WANT TO SEE THEM THRIVE
IF YOU TRULY, DEEPLY LOVE HUMAN BEINGS

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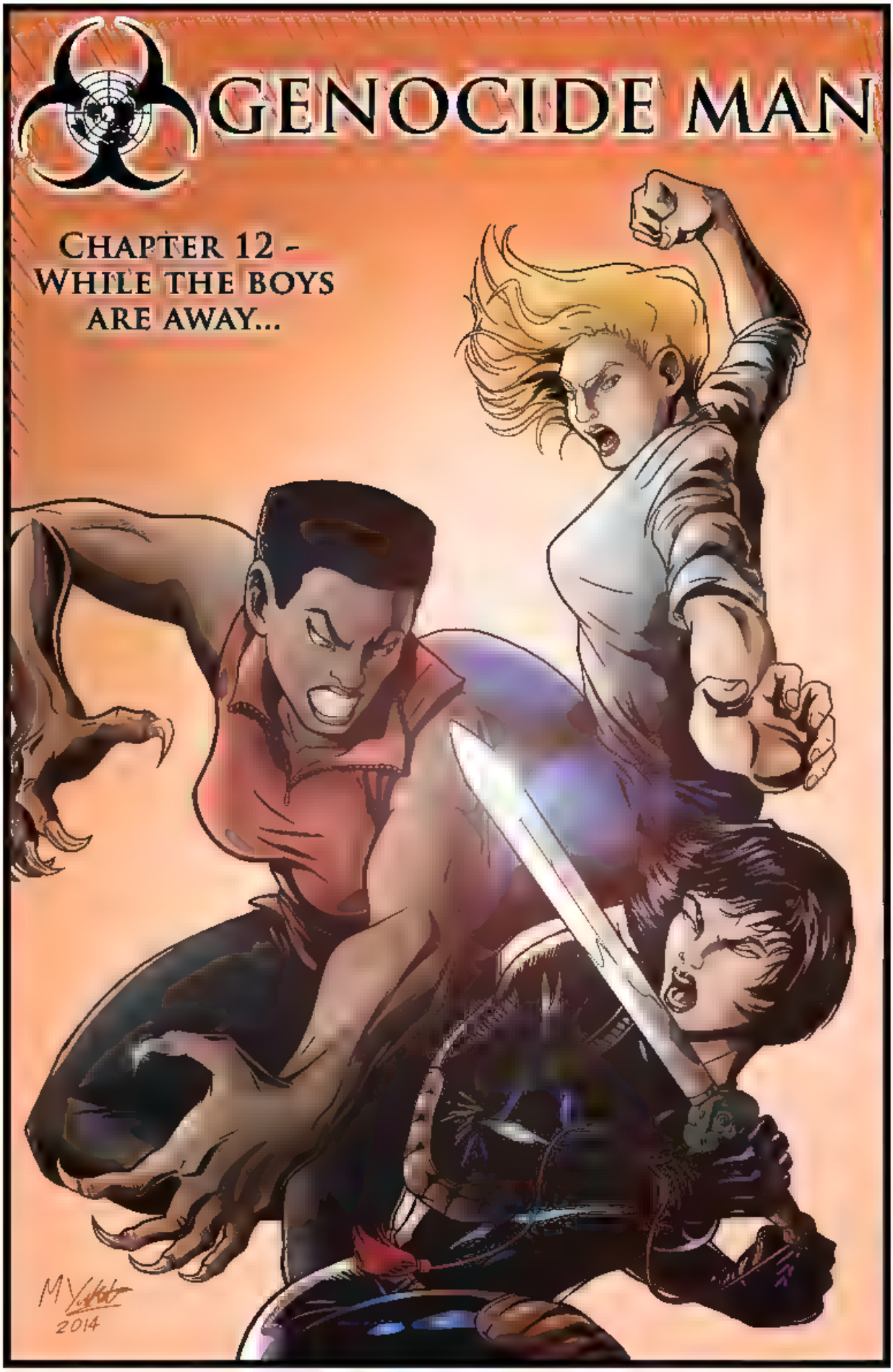
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JACOB
THE NEWS NETS JUST LIT UP
THERE'S AN ALERT IN FOLKESTONE
THEY'RE SAYING THAT IT'S EBOLA.
-SIGH-
THAT'S A TERRIBLE WAY TO GO
BUT THIS MIGHT BE GOOD NEWS
EBOLA CAN'T BE MADE AIRBORNE IT WON'T SPREAD FAR
...AND IF IT'S ALREADY KILLING THEN HE'S ACCELERATED THE HELL OUT OF IT
THERE MIGHT BE A FEW HUNDRED CASUALTIES.
FRANKLY, I WAS EXPECTING FUMIAKI TO DO A LOT WORSE.
GET US TO THE COAST
DO YOU HAVE A CAMERA ON ME? WILL YOU HEAR ME IF I TALK?
YEAH
GOOD
STAY UNDERWATER

AND STAY CLOSE
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
PARADOX
PARADOX
PARADOX

PARA--
ROGER IT'S DONE
SH
YOU THERE FREEZE!
WEAPONS DOWN, ALL OF YOU

MA'AM, HE'S UNARMED
SO?
HE'S JUST BEING PATIENT WITH YOU
JACOB, HOW COULD YOU --
I DIDN'T DO THIS, LOLA.
THAT'S YOUR CASE!
IT WAS STOLEN BY DR. FUMIAK
STILL, ALL THESE DEATHS ARE ON YOUR HEAD

OKAY, FINE
SO IS GUAYAQUIL
BUT WE LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT DON'T WE?

ALL OF YOU, RETURN TO BASE
LEAVE US

SO YOU KNOW ABOUT GUAYAQUIL.
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO FEEL REMORSE?
WE SAVED THE WORLD SOME INNOCENTS DIED.
I DON'T REGRET THAT
NEITHER SHOULD YOU
ALL THIS CAN BE FIXED, JACOB
COME BACK WITH ME

NO
YOU'VE ERASED SO MANY OF MY MEMORIES
I'M NOT SURE WHO I AM ANYMORE
THAT WAS TO PROTECT YOU
MAYBE

BUT IT LEFT NOTHING IN ME BUT THE SOLDIER, ROBOTICALLY FOLLOWING ORDERS
I NEED TO PROVE I'M MORE THAN THAT
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

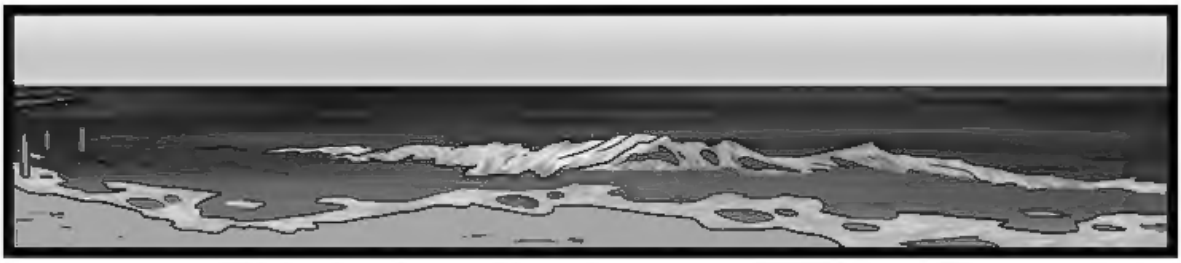
DON'T KNOW
BUT IT'LL BE SOMETHING I CAN LIVE WITH
IF IT HELPS
I STILL REMEMBER BALI
STRIKE TEAM REPORT TO MY POSITION!
JACOB DOE IS IN THE QZ!
REPEAT

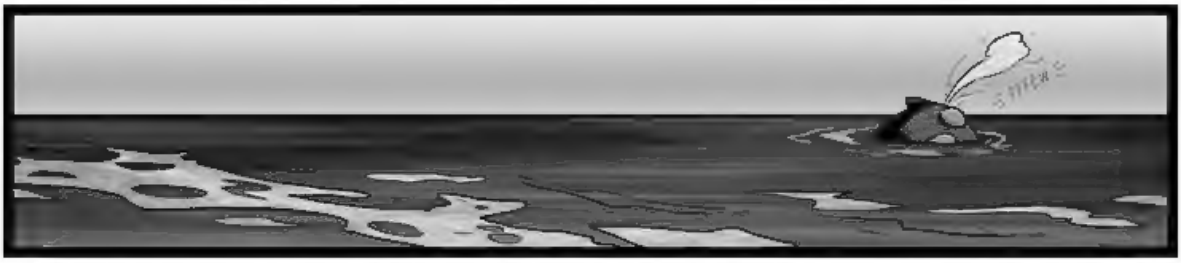
ROGER, IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, GO TEN BLOCKS WEST I'LL MEET YOU
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE DRONES AND TROOPS ARRIVE
I FOUND THE DECON STATION
GIVE ME A MINUTE
I MAY HAVE TO TAKE UP SPARRING
QUARANTINE ZONE
EGRESS

POW
KRAK
BIFF
SOCK
THWACK
BAM

COUGH
KAFF
KAFF-KAFF
ROGER?
ARE YOU TRACKING ME?
I'M... COUGH BY THE A20 HIGHWAY...

STAY UNDERWATER.
I'M COMING TO YOU.





...HE WAS LAST SEEN SWIMMING IN EAST WEAR BAY.
TELL THE R.A.F. TO KILL EVERY WHALE IN BRITISH WATERS.
I WANT A LIST OF CASUALTIES.
I WANT INTERVIEWS WITH THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR NEIGHBORS, THEIR PETS.
FULL MEDIA COVERAGE.
VICTIMS OF THE PLAGUE ARE SECOND PAGE.
JACOB DOE'S VICTIMS ARE THE HEADLINE.

WE NEED TO HUMILIATE JACOB.
SHOW THE ENTIRE WORLD THAT HE'S A MENACE.
UM, MA'AM, THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.
...
SAY THAT AGAIN.
NOBODY DIED.
SEVERAL CONCUSSIONS...
...A BROKEN ARM AND JAW.
BUT NO ONE DIED, MA'AM.
DAMNIT, JACOB...
YOU MAKE IT SO DIFFICULT FOR ME WHEN YOU TAKE THE HIGH ROAD.

EXIT, THIS IS SHOU.
THIS IS EXIT. WE HEAR YOU, SHOU.
NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE NORTH QUADRANT. THERE'S A HOUSE ON THE PEAK.
I'LL CHECK IT OUT.
I'M JUST SAYING WE SHOULD CHECK.
WE DON'T NEED TO.
I DON'T MIND.
EXIT, THIS IS IT! PAKAWA IS HERE!
WAIT, WHAT? THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN EXERCISE!
I'M CALLING HEADQUARTERS...